

'Soft technology' instead of nuclear energy — Lovins

By Shaun Lovejoy

Unless alternatives to nuclear energy are adopted in the near future, nuclear power is an inevitability. This was the opinion of Amory Lovins, renowned physicist and energy expert, who opened the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility's week of action at St. George on Thursday.

Lovins shared the podium with Ken Dryden who appeared in his role of consumer advocate. Dryden has a law degree from McGill and has worked for several years with Ralph Nader's public interest organization.

Leaving a detailed critique of problems of safety, waste disposal and nuclear proliferation to Dryden, Lovins focused his analysis on alternatives to the nuclear electrification program. In particular, he based his critique on the economic and social disadvantages of reliance upon nuclear energy. Such a perspective is especially important, he argues, since nuclear power is currently being plugged as the only option available. In fact, the Canadian Government plans to spend \$91 billion on nuclear energy by 1990.

He proceeded to outline an alternative energy strategy, designed to satisfy North American requirements to the year 2025. The program, based on "soft technologies" (characterized by low technology, use of renewable fuels, and end-use design) would not necessarily require changing lifestyles or affecting economic growth rates.

The "soft technology" alternative is based on a breakdown of end-use data. At present, 58 percent of all energy is used for heating: 31 percent in the form of liquid fuel for transport, 3 percent for operating pipelines, 4 percent for industrial motors, and 4 percent for other electrical uses. Thus, only a small fraction (8 percent) of energy must be in the form of electricity. For the remaining 92 percent, low-grade energy is all that is required, and electrification represents a tremendous waste. The "need" for nuclear energy, then, is illusory in the sense that this "need" is based on the assumption that electricity should be used to replace other sources wherever possible.

If, instead, energy conservation and "soft techniques" are combined, efficient economy will emerge. According to Lovins, the introduction of the alternative (which can be based

entirely upon existing technologies), will take about 30 years to complete (less than the nuclear "solution"). In the interim we should use our non-renewable resources to "build a bridge" until the "soft technologies" can take over.

Lovins argued that there would be manifold advantages to such a program. Apart from the obvious advantages of a decentralized economy based on renewable resources, Lovins underlined the benefits of decreased cost and quality of life. Research and development efforts at improving existing

"soft technologies" would cost only \$300,000 million over the next ten years, compared with the \$1.8 billion already spent on nuclear research for Canada's CANDU reactor. Soft technologies would solve safety and waste disposal problems, and make nuclear proliferation less likely.

In a question-and-answer period, Lovins responded to a query concerning the role of fusion power in the scheme (should fusion prove feasible). Proclaiming his conviction that fusion would be little better

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Northern lectures:

Arctic shipping keen on big plans

By Larry Black

Canadian shipping executives are "extremely optimistic" about the prospects of oil, gas and mineral discoveries in the Arctic, according to one of them who spoke to geographers at McGill last Friday.

Michael Bell, senior vice-president of Montreal-based Federal Commerce and Navigation, outlined known resource sites in the northwestern area of the Canadian North as well as the present routes traveled by summer supply convoys to the Alaska North Slope oil project. In this area of the world, for the first time, "transportation facts figure predominantly" in resource extraction, he explained. "Nobody can do anything else until it (the resource) can be pulled out".

Alaskan oil discoveries have been well supplied, he explained, because sea-going barges of materials have been able to penetrate past ice to the Beaufort Sea during summer thaw. The Canadian finds, however, lie largely in areas of permanent ice over 10 feet thick.

Bell also pointed to the dilemma of Canadian Arctic oilmen who, Bell claimed, were "desperately trying to get some money" to develop present discoveries on Bathurst Island - two drillings which yield three-and-a-half and two-and-a-half thousand barrels a day respectively. Bell estimated that finds in this area would eventually reach over 50,000 to 60,000 barrels a day.

Bell revealed, however, that

the Canadian shipping "fraternity" is willing to help "make it all happen". The solution, "really something new and viable", calls for the construction of a pipeline across Bathurst Island at a cost, presumably to the Canadian Government, of \$150 million, and several ice-strengthened 150,000-ton vessels with 150- to 200-thousand horsepower engines. The world's largest tankers today operate with 35,000 horsepower. The costs of such ships, according to Bell, "are possible".

Another plan, a "pet" project Federal Commerce is undertaking "for no justifiable reason", calls for taking large ice-breaking barges to travel north between Spence Bay and Queen Maud Gulf, (through an area, one geographer pointed out, which "also fascinated Franklin"). Bell later conceded that his company was hoping to prove to the Government that barges were a safe means of transport in the Arctic. Two barges sank in the area a few years ago.

One student in the audience questioned Bell about "how much it was in his company's interest to encourage oil, gas and mineral development in the North".

Bell replied that such development obviously was in the interest of shipping companies but that they did not intend "to do anything detrimental or destroy northern ecology. If we were trying to make a fast buck, we wouldn't be in the Arctic".

One professor then asked if the companies weren't then trying "to make a slow buck".



Amory Lovins, electrifying his audience with his proposed "soft technology" alternative to Nuclear Energy.

Redmen cagers sweep tourney

By Ian Wong

The McGill Redmen basketball team won the McMaster University Invitational Tournament played this past weekend in Hamilton, Ontario. Facing highly ranked teams from Guelph, McMaster, and the Detroit Institute of Technology in a round-robin format, the Redmen won all of their games by comfortable margins.

Friday night, McGill took on Guelph University, ranked seventh nationally in a pre-season poll. The Redmen took a 13 point halftime lead and expanded it for an 80-60 final score in a match which saw McGill coach Butch Staples keep the pressure on Guelph with a strategy of constant substitutions.

Farroba MVP

Guard Joey Farroba, who was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, led the winners with 21 points. Gordie Brabant and all-tournament centre Charlie Galbraith both netted 14, while Galbraith also hauled down 13 rebounds.

Saturday afternoon, the Redmen faced their toughest op-

position of the tournament in the form of the host team McMaster. McGill came through with an 84-72 victory, but had to withstand a short-lived comeback late in the second half which brought McMaster within striking range of the lead.

Joey Farroba once again led the team in scoring with 24, followed by Brabant and Galbraith who potted 21 and 16 respectively.

With Galbraith in early foul trouble, Farroba proved to be most valuable as he also grabbed a dozen rebounds thus relieving some of the pressure on the 6'9" centre.

Clinched title

By the time they were ready to face Detroit Sunday morning for their final game, McGill had already mathematically won the tournament. A sluggish start allowed Detroit to take an early lead, only to see it disappear as a result of poor defence and generally undisciplined play. The Redmen took command

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than fission, Lovins speculated that there would still be radiation problems with the "copious quantities of fast neutrons". As for capital costs and the disadvantages of centralization, it would be little better than its fission counterpart.

Lovins also underscored the tremendous advantages of soft technologies to developing countries, where the expensive nuclear electrification program would be meaningless for the vast majority of people—who, even when supplied with electrical outlets, would have nothing to plug into them. He concluded that low technology, designed for end-use needs, is even more important to under-developed countries than in the developed countries.

For his part, Dryden stressed the safety and ethical problems

involved in the nuclear electrification program. He argued the importance of a comprehensive public debate on nuclear energy, especially since the Government is about to launch a nuclear program with virtually no public airing.

He argued that there are many facts and probabilities involved in an assessment of nuclear energy, and that in these cases an expert knowledge of nuclear physics is not required. "Just as we don't leave war to the generals, so we shouldn't leave nuclear energy to the experts," summarized Dryden.

Absent from the discussion was an analysis of the influence of energy corporations and utilities on governments' disposition toward nuclear energy development. Critics generally agree that such companies benefit significantly from capital-intensive, centralized, and electricity-based economies. The Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility hopes to be a counterweight in the debate over direction of energy policy.

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Terry Reed, President of the Film Society, sees poor communication as a major problem at McGill. He claims "Students aren't getting their money's worth" and anything done to broaden the student body's

awareness of the community will be beneficial.

The film shorts will only be shown twice a week at the beginning of the program, but will run more frequently if student reaction proves favorable. They will be shown at lunchtime, probably every Wednesday and Thursday, with hopes of drawing people down from the cafeteria.

Reed says that even though the plan is in its "embryonic stages", he hopes it will promote dialogue in the community and create an awareness among the student body.

—Veronica Brady

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Dr. Greene will lecture tonight, Nov. 22nd, 8:00 pm at Chabad House, 3429 Peel St. The lecture will be followed by a discussion period. Refreshments will be served. For info, call 842-6616 and ask for Myrna.



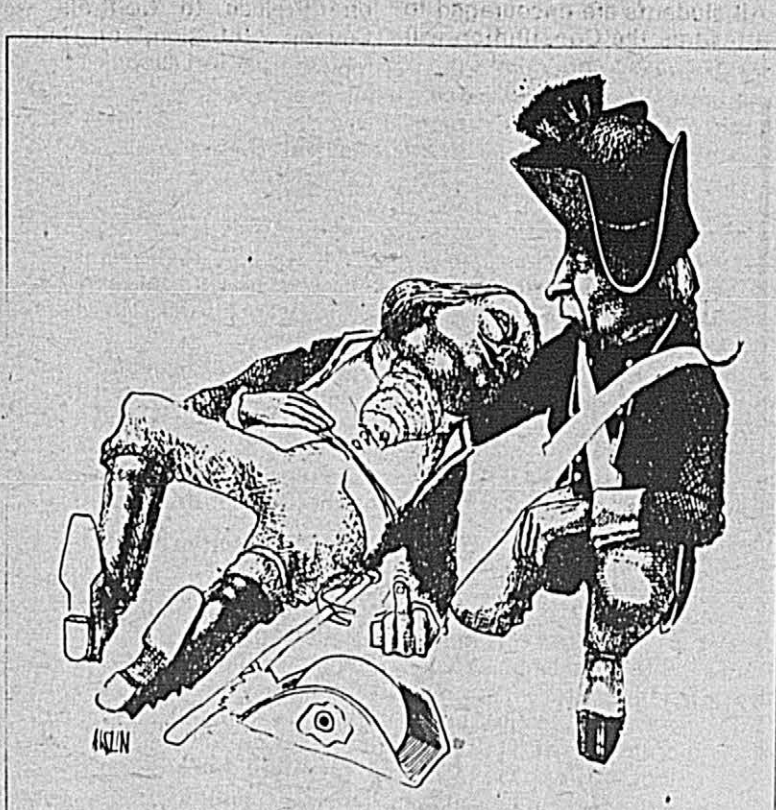
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Musical evening to be held on Thursday, at 7 pm in room 307 of the University Centre. Refreshments will be available. Everybody is welcome.

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A general meeting will be held Thursday, at 12 pm in the Redpath Library, Room R2-10. All students are encouraged to attend as the Constitution will be discussed and voted on.

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SQUARE DANCE! Stomp, stomp, stomping in the Union Ballroom, with Bill Osterman, Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 8 pm, with gallons of lemonade! Bring a smile and stay awhile.

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At our most recent Ukrainian Club meeting, several interesting proposals were made for activities this year. We hope to have Ukrainian film showings, discussions with guest speakers for the whole community, a three-credit Ukrainian course for next term, social bashes, and a regular weekly hour for our supper-time meetings. Every Ukrainian student at McGill is an automatic member of the Ukrainian Club. Why not drop in to our next meeting on Tuesday, November 23rd at 5 pm in Union 307. Info: Andrii — 325-4494, Marusia — 721-9438.

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ECONOMICS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The E.S.A. presents Professor Chris Green who will speak on "Prelude to Controls — Causes of Inflation," on Thursday at 1 pm in Leacock 14.

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ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Frank Horn will speak on death, degradation, and disaster facing Indians in Canada. L-110, Tuesday at 4 pm.

ADVISORY POLICY COMMITTEE

The APC is the committee set up by Senate to give advice on policy to Mr. Kingdon, Acting Executive Director of the Students' Society. Any McGill student who wishes to observe this week's meeting of the committee (Thursday, 4:30 pm) may do so by registering with the receptionist at the Students' Society Office starting Tuesday. Attendance is limited to the first five to sign up.

BAHA'I "FIRESIDES"

If you're interested in ideas such as world unity, world government, the elimination of prejudice, and the oneness of all religions, the Baha'i Club invites you to join them this

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HILLEL: LEV NAVROZOV

Lev Navrozov, author and recent emigré from Russia, will present dramatic readings from his book and discuss personal and political issues of life in the U.S.S.R. Today 8 pm Leacock rm. 820. Info: 845-9171.

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LETTERS

How's your cholesterol?

To the Daily:

I wish to compliment the new cafeteria staff for installing real ice cream into the vending machines up in the Union. Previously, we had been forced to grovel down hideously awful-awful "Yummy Yummy" ice milk bars.

Feisty J.

Horseshit more palatable than plain shit

To the Daily:

The original aim of the article, "Residence Food Fit for Pigs" was to dramatize commonly heard gripes concerning the food served at Bishop Mountain Hall. The article may have seemed harsh or even insulting to the staff, but this was not its intent. The article's purpose was to bring about some long overdue changes in the quality and quantity of the food served in residences. In this it has been relatively successful.

Since the article appeared, the quality of the bag lunches has improved. The offerings have been expanded and obviously some care is being taken to not "over-butter sandwiches" or let them "dry out". The staff at BMH must be congratulated on and applauded for making these changes and hopefully further improvements will be forthcoming.

Laura Johnson

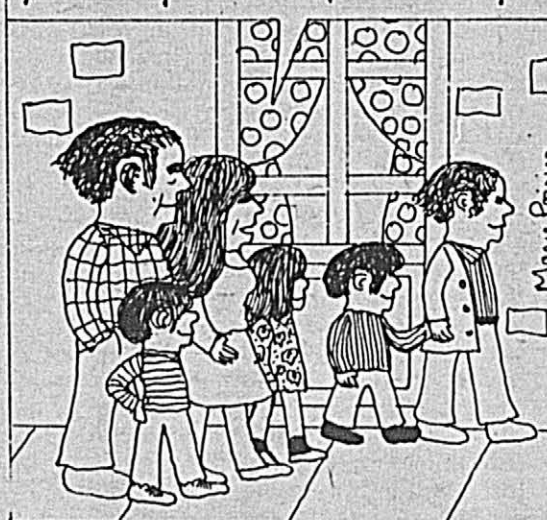
la tribune

by marie poirier

On a démolit des maisons au bout de la rue. Je me demande ce qui va les remplacer.



Enfin, nous aurons peut-être des grands logements à prix modique.



On Oct. 14, a contingent from McGill University participated in the nationwide general strike. The following is an account of the goon-like activities of the so-called "Communist-Party of Canada" ("Marxist-Leninist") on the day of the strike.

The CPC (M-L) did no organizational work in preparing for the strike. In fact, they attempted to discourage involvement with the McGill Oct. 14 Committee, while at the same time did nothing to mobilize and educate the university community around the issue of the general strike. In an article which appeared in the OP-ED column of the Daily, they described our committee as a front for the McGill Circle of the Canadian Communist League. This is false. The McGill Oct. 14 Committee had 30 active members of which only 2 were also members of the Circle. The basis of unity of the Committee was opposition to the wage freeze and we were the only group on campus engaged in mobilizing students and teachers around this issue. Some of the activities of the committee included painting and distributing tracts, class interventions and open informational meetings.

The maintenance workers of McGill recognized our committee and had been working with us. At 6:30 am on the morning of Oct. 14, our committee and the 50-odd students

we had mobilized gathered with the maintenance workers at the Roddick Gates. We then split into smaller groups and each began picketing at designated campus entrances.

At about 7:30 am, six members of the CPC (M-L) made their appearance at the Roddick Gates, set up their banner and mingled with our picketers. But whereas our strategy was to shun intimidation tactics and to engage people in dialogue and explain the issues, the CPC (M-L) behaved in a much different manner. They did nothing but repeatedly scream in a particularly hysterical and grotesque manner their (only) slogan, "make the rich pay". At one point they physically attacked a car trying to enter the campus. This incident brought the police to the campus, and, together with the general behaviour of these CPC (M-L) thugs, served to discredit the Committee, its supporters, and the maintenance workers in the eyes of the public. We eventually withdrew from the Roddick Gates to avoid further association with the CPC (M-L). By this time our ranks had grown to over 100 people (including 15 supporters from the TA Association) and our picketers were at work at every campus entrance aside from the Roddick Gates.

At 10:30 am the McGill contingent regrouped under the banner, "McGill Oct. 14 Committee—Down with the Wage Freeze", to march to Viger

Square and join the mass demonstration. Suddenly two members of the CPC (M-L) attached themselves physically to our group near the front of the contingent and displayed their banner "Make The Rich Pay" in such a manner as to give the impression to onlookers that they not only were a part of our group, but that we had taken up their banner. A third member of the CPC (M-L) took photographs all along the route at angles designed to convey this impression.

Our attempts to communicate with the two men holding their banner were met with obscenities and threats. One woman from our group who tried to talk with them was told "fuck off or I'll ram this down your throat"—a remark plainly heard by all those near the front of our contingent. When we tried to form a human chain to separate them from our group, they reacted by violently breaking up our linked arms with swinging sticks and punches. When we arrived at Viger Square, they did not join the CPC (M-L) group already present there under their own banner, but rather were reinforced by half a dozen thugs, some carrying heavy sticks. Throughout the rest of the march they continued their harassment of our group and their tactic of attempting to have our contingent identified with their banner.

The McGill contingent dis-

Open Letter From the McGill October 14 Committee

played their unity when they consistently drowned out the hoarse cries of "make the rich pay" coming from the CPC (M-L)ers, with their own slogans—"Worker-Student Solidarity" and "Down With the Wage Freeze".

These kinds of tactics are not new to the CPC (M-L). Last Aug. 14 in Vancouver the Indian Peoples Association in North America (IPANA) held a demonstration against the dictatorship in India. The CPC (M-L), frustrated by the increasing support IPANA was gaining within the Indian community, and by its own growing isolation from that community, launched an unprovoked, violent attack against the demonstrators. The CPC (M-L)-led gang wielded heavy 2x2s. Women and children were knocked down and two men suffered serious head injuries and had to be hospitalized. At the IPANA rally later that evening, Jack Scott, a veteran Canadian

communist, had this to say: "Not all fascists come out wearing white gowns. Some drape themselves in the red flag in order to confuse and mislead people, and to conceal their real purpose. Bains [Chairman of the CPC (M-L)] and his so-called CPC (M-L) are a fascist organization of this type and their goon-like activities this afternoon were clear proof of that charge... I have seen Hardial Bains and his closest associates in action for some 13 years. They have achieved an unblemished record of attacking, splitting and breaking up every progressive movement that has emerged during the past decade..." (New India Bulletin, Vol. 1 No. 6)

These tactics are not those of true communists. The two members of the Circle of the Canadian Communist League who worked with our committee consistently emphasized discussion and consensus as a means of resolving disagreements. They also encouraged the Committee to acquaint itself with the facts in order to engage people in dialogue on the picket lines and convince them of the importance of combatting the wage freeze.

The CPC (M-L) has been thoroughly exposed and denounced as reactionary by every progressive group that has had contact with them. One way they handle this is by resurfacing under other names. For

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We have received from the McGill Daily a so-called "Open Letter From the McGill October 14 Committee". We will begin our reply to it by pointing out that the letter itself is wrongly named. It should be correctly entitled, a "Concealed Letter" from the anti-communists of the "Communist" League. Let us just touch on some of the points.

1. This letter is ostensibly an "open letter from the October 14 Committee", but it contains all the lies of the "Communist" League. How come? If the October 14 Committee was organized to oppose the wage freeze then why does it not stick to that? Opposing the wage freeze concerns millions of workers across the country. The broadest possible committees should be formed to oppose the wage freeze. But the October 14 Committee is organized by the "Communist" League for other ends, one of which is exposed in this letter, that is to slander CPC (M-L). The other is not exposed in the letter but is its mission, that is to split the unity of the workers against the wage freeze.

2. After the October 14 Committee finished its participation in the day of protest on October 14, 1976, what should it have done? It should have summed up its experience. What experience did it sum up through the "letter"? Not of the politics of opposing the wage freeze, but the politics of how

to concoct the most outlandish slanders against the CPC (M-L). This is the sum-total of its summation.

3. The October 14 Committee has taken up all the slanders of the "Communist" League against the CPC (M-L). If this committee was broadbased, then why did this committee not contact CPC (M-L) about these slanders? For example, this committee could have investigated who this veteran "communist" Jack Scott is, or what did take place in the provocation organized by "IPANA" against the Indian Workers' Movement of August 14, 1976. This committee carried out no such activities.

4. The "Communist" League gives the impression that they are the "genuine" communists. If this is the case, then why all this hysteria? Are they afraid that they may not be recognized as such by the masses of the people? Yes, this is the fear because progressive students are asking various questions. One of the questions progressive people are asking is, how come their slanders of CPC (M-L) are being used by the arch anti-communists? How come the arch anti-communists are so sympathetic with the "Communist" League? Here we give an example. In an anti-communist rag named the Bullseye produced against the Chevron newspaper at the University of Waterloo, the arch anti-communists used the

slanders from the yellow journal of "MREQ", one of the infamous organizations which hatched this anti-communist "Communist" League.

The anti-student newspaper Bullseye in an article entitled "A history of the CPC (M-L) and the AIA" (Anti-Imperialist Alliance) reprinted all the slanders and lies that the "Communist" League's predecessor had written against CPC (M-L). In opposition to this and in order to clarify the issues the Chevron carried an interview with Hardial Bains.

5. The "Communist" League is caught lying even in this brief "letter". These lies are: -They claim that we have falsely accused the October 14 Committee of being "a front for the McGill Circle" of the "Communist" League. We did no such thing. On the contrary, it is the "Communist" League who did that. It was reported in the McGill Daily of October 7 that the "McGill October 14 Committee" was "spearheaded by the McGill Circle" of the "Communist" League. Now, where did the Daily get this idea? From the leaflet issued by these anti-communists a week earlier, in which they issued their call: "Come on, and Join the October 14 General Strike Committee...". What did we say about them? We rightly denounced them for hatching this "committee" to "float their reformist slogan..." in the McGill Daily of October 1, 1976.

"The Opportunists Are Rotting Alive"

But these anti-communists do not want to discuss politics. On the contrary, they wish to raise as many sideline issues as possible to confuse the politics.

- They claim that the "maintenance workers of McGill recognized our committee and had been working with us". If this is the case, then how come they were carrying the CPC (M-L) slogan MAKE THE RICH PAY! We have submitted to the McGill Daily a photo of a maintenance worker carrying the Make the Rich Pay slogan.

The Daily has refused to reprint this picture. However all students wishing to see this picture can do so by approaching us at our literature table which is set up every day from 12 to 2 pm in the Student Union Building.

- Regarding the actual demonstration itself, the McGill Circle of these anti-communists who are past masters in lying also

dish out a number of lies. Our comrades arrived at the gates at 6:30 am, while they claim otherwise.

- These anti-communists are suggesting that CPC (M-L) "provoked" the police and they came to the campus because of this, while one phone call to the police headquarters can prove to anyone that the police were deployed to attack the demonstrators, especially those from CPC (M-L). This reactionary police requires no provoking.

- As far as the premeditated use of reactionary violence against CPC (M-L) is concerned, these anti-communists actually volunteer a confession. They write: "When we tried to form a human chain to separate them from our group, they reacted by violently breaking up our linked arms with swinging sticks and punches". Thus, these anti-communists who conspired to "isolate" our contingent, are now sadly unhappy that they failed in their reactionary violence.

6. Their other infantile nonsense is not worthy of comment, because it is only a reactionary who would use the cause of the people and then compete with others instead of attacking the main enemy. It is sad, indeed, to see these anti-communists peddling the nonsense that CPC (M-L) appeared in different guises or

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION?

By Tom Riley [CUP]

The government is cloaked in secrecy. The light of day and the eyes of the public have difficulty penetrating it.

The government considers public information its private property. It passes along only what it thinks the public should know. Civil servants are not obliged to tell anyone anything unless directed to do so by superiors and some estimates have the government withholding 80 percent of its information.

Recently, the producer of a radio talk show was looking for a very simple bit of information about a piece of land owned by the government. After talking to 12 people in the department concerned she finally got the admission that, yes, the government did indeed own the land. If she had the stamina to press the issue further she still might have come up cold. There is no legislative recourse for her to appeal a decision made by a bureaucrat.

All levels of society, in dealing with the government, experience the secrecy syndrome. In the spring of this year residents of Port Hope, Ont. attempted to find out how much radioactive waste was being dumped into Lake Ontario. They were met with official silence.

When Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announced his wage and price controls last fall, many people wondered why he reversed his stand from the 1974 election when he so adamantly opposed such measures. What reports or facts or studies caused the change? The reasons for implementation were never

made fully clear. The supporting documents have been well guarded.

In June the Consumers Association of Canada (CAC) passed a resolution supporting an Act respecting the right of the public to information concerning public business. It guarantees the "public's right to know". The association is concerned because secrecy in areas like food inspection, pesticide residue levels and pollution control standards may be hazardous to consumers. It is literally a matter of life and death to withhold such vital information.

To make a rational decision it is necessary to have all the facts. To marshal them people must have free access to information. Information freely given is one thing. Information carefully selected and channeled by the government is propaganda.

A number of interest groups have been calling for freer access to government information. The government responded in last month's Speech from the Throne by stalling and trying to appease its critics with rhetoric. It didn't propose any legislation, but simply promised it would present a policy paper to an official committee which has been studying the issue for the last two years. It also gave lip service to the policy of greater access to information by the public.

Support for freedom of information is growing across the country as concerned individuals and groups form committees to lobby for strong legislation on federal and provincial levels. The type of legislation forthcoming (if and when it does come) and how information will be made

available is still the vital question.

One of the controversies arising is the question of final decision in cases of dispute. For example, if an individual goes to Department X and is told the information requested is not available because it is secret or confidential, what then?

A civil servant said recently: "If a senior official or a deputy minister wants to keep back information all he has to do is refer to the Privy Council Guidelines of the Government Motion for the Production of Papers which outline the four types of classified information, and proceed to classify the documents as Top Secret, Secret, Confidential or Restricted. It then comes under the umbrella of the Official Secrets Act and effectively stops any information going out".

Retiring Government House Leader Mitchell Sharp says the final decision in cases of dispute should rest with the minister involved. He advocates an information ombudsman to review cases of contention or denial, with the minister of the department retaining the right to deny the release of a report. Thus, if the minister feels the information requested is at all sensitive or could hurt the government, the secrecy lid remains on.

Others feel the final decision should rest with an independent body—the courts or an independent complaints board with the powers of a civil court.

The most radical Act, in the opinion of most experts in the field, would be one that simply stated all information is freely available to the public, as part of its basic "right to know".

There would be clearly-defined exemptions, though. This would mean amending the Official Secrets Act and perhaps other Acts which currently prohibit disclosure of information, especially in the area of national security.

Canada's information laws led a Conservative member of parliament who attended an international conference on Freedom of Information in Austria to comment that "Canadians, along with the British, have the most antiquated laws concerning release of government documents in the free world (sic)".

There are currently two freedom of information models to draw upon from the US and Sweden. The US first passed a freedom of information law in 1966, but the spirit of the Act was not being followed. In 1974, stiff amendments were passed which gave a citizen the right to take the case to court if a request for information was turned down. The case automatically takes precedence, goes to the top of the court list and is dealt with as quickly as possible. It is recognized that information is perishable.

There are also penalties for a US civil servant who wilfully withholds or denies an information request. The penalty is paid by the civil servant responsible.

In addition the US has a Government Data Privacy Act which allows an individual to inspect and correct personal files.

In Sweden, free access to government information is embodied in the Constitution, which dates to 1776. People have the right to all documents except those exempted by the clearly-written Secrecy Law of

1936. It is up to the civil servant to decide on the spot what is or is not secret. When the private citizen disputes the classification the case goes to the Supreme Administrative Board or the Parliamentary Ombudsman. However, the final decision rests with the Minister.

The Canadian government has already made a move in the direction of the US model concerning access to personal files in government departments and agencies and will give an individual the right to request, inspect and correct personal files.

This means erroneous or misleading information will be corrected. It is not yet clear whether this proposed act will allow groups access to their files or whether the individual has the right of appeal if denied access to the file.

What a freedom of information act would do is bring about accountability. Politicians and bureaucrats would be held accountable to the public for their acts. In 1964, before entering politics, Trudeau used to speak of participatory democracy.

"Democratic progress requires the ready availability of true and complete information. In this way people can objectively evaluate the government's policies. To act otherwise is to give way to despotic secrecy", he said.

The proposed legislation, if and when it comes, will indicate whether Trudeau will hold to his thinking. It seems with the ascendancy to power of any government the urge to withhold information and to protect bureaucratic secrets grows. It now remains to be seen if "right to know" legislation will be passed by a "no comment" government.

Québec), McGill remains one of their few strongholds where they still operate freely.

We emphasize that this group is not a group of misguided leftists who are victims of an incorrect political line. Rather, as blatantly shown by their tactics, they are a group of counter-revolutionary terrorists whose goal is the sabotaging of all organizational and educational work among the people. They call themselves "Communist Party of Canada" ("Marxist-Leninist") in order to discredit legitimate communist groups by means of their gangsterish tactics. One reason they provoke fights with other political groups is to promote the image of disunity and sectarianism within the movement. But struggling to denounce the CPC (M-L) is not "infighting" as they would like to have people believe, but rather is the process of ejection by progressive groups of a well-organized, reactionary and violent group of saboteurs who wear the mask of socialism in order to infiltrate and destroy worker and student movements everywhere.

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tried to take "credit" etc. The line of the CPC (M-L) is the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system, smashing up of the state machine through revolutionary violence, establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat, and building socialism in order to advance the society from capitalism to communism. MAKE THE RICH PAY! is the tactical slogan of the Party. These anti-communists have no politics except to slander CPC (M-L). It is for this reason they are raising these sideline issues.

In conclusion, this October 14 Committee, (it does not matter how much it tries to prettify its face), is a stinking anti-communist organization and instead of serving the cause of the proletariat, it is opposing it. This "committee"

has taken the infamous task of pushing forward Jack Scott, a notorious anti-communist, a man who wrote a book called "Two Roads", in order to attack the glorious revolutionary path of the Great October Revolution. We provide you with one quotation from the preface of this notorious anti-communist trash: "The CPSU ... after a virtual armed coup by a relatively small band of Bolsheviks, was forced to incorporate a host of former Czarist officials and pseudo-revolutionary opportunists into its power structure which eventually helped promote the development of an elite bourgeois class...".

(Two Roads, The Origins of the Sino-Soviet Dispute by Jack Scott, 1974, P. viii). Thus the glorious path of the Great October Revolution became a "virtual armed coup by a relatively small band of Bolsheviks", an anti-communist slander that every schoolboy learns in the bourgeois school system.

That this veteran "communist" calls CPC (M-L) a "fascist

organization" is a matter of great honour to us. As far as the comment by these anti-communists that this is not "infighting" in the left, they are absolutely correct on this. It is a fight of the communists against these anti-communists. The "Communist" League is the agent of Teng Hsiao-Ping and has been brought into being to carry out propaganda for capitalist restoration in China and for opposing proletarian revolution in Canada. We consider them as outright counter-revolutionaries and the "October 14 Committee" is one of their tools to carry out this anti-communist propaganda. If there are any honest elements in the "October 14 Committee" fooled by them, they had better wake up and investigate the real facts about the communist movement nationally and internationally. CPC (M-L) is ready to assist all progressive and democratic people and stands vigorously for the unity of all Marxist-Leninists against the main enemies.

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example, the MSM (McGill Student Movement) is just the CPC (M-L) in disguise. (Not a very good disguise to be sure—same people, same literature). They have been effectively isolated from the working class movement throughout Canada and in fact, with their recent ejection from ANEQ (Association Nationale des Etudiants du

Swim teams travel in search of elusive success

By Sherwin Wong

Reporter's question: Was that the real Redmen swim team that travelled down to Potsdam, N.Y., last Saturday only to get routed 95-45 at the hands of Potsdam State?

Redman Chris Welch's answer: "Why don't you sit on it?"

Seriously, though, Welch didn't make that unkind remark (you wouldn't, would you, Chris?) but the Redmen sure got smothered by the above score. With the exception of Welch, Jim Ducharme, Peter Smith, and Phil Wilson, the team were left hung out to dry by the Bears.

Although the Redmen completely dominated the freestyle events, Potsdam went even further by staking a claim to the entirety of backstroke and breaststroke events.

Individually, Welch placed first in three events: 50 free (23.087), 100 free (49.898), and 200 free (1:52.780). McGill also made second place on four occa-

sions: Smith, in the 100 free (53.632) and 500 free (5:31.499); Ducharme, in the 50 free (23.352); and Wilson in the 100 butterfly (58.924).

The reason why McGill faltered in the back and breast events is simple: their best backstroke and breaststroke men stayed home for exams.

Sorely missed

"We sorely missed Dave (Brumwell) and Lester (Jackson)", said Harry Zarins, rookie coach of the Redmen. "Dave is good in the breaststrokes and individual medleys while Lester is strong in the butterflys and individual medleys. If they were here, we would have gotten 20 to 30 more points".

Without Brumwell and Jackson, Zarins had to rely on his other Redmen to come through. Unfortunately, not too many of them did.

Rob Schumm, for one, said he had expected the outcome to be this way. "This is about what I expected" said Schumm,

who finished last in the 200 and 100 free. "Everyone is doing slow times because it was only our second meet".

Welch, the Redmen captain, concurred. "It's still early in the season", said Welch, who also helped win the 400 freestyle relay for McGill by edging out Potsdam super swimmer Steve Auburn at the finish. "The score doesn't reflect the strength of the team. We were missing two guys".

Large team

If the Redmen were missing two guys, the same can't be said for Potsdam. Bears' coach Dave Allen brought out his "army" of approximately 20 swimmers for the meet. As for Zarins' "platoon", it amounted to 12.

In diving, it was also a bad day for the Redmen. Bob Hutchins and Gord French finished fourth and fifth respectively in the one-metre dive. In the three-metre dive, French placed third with 180.90 while Hutchins dove to last place with 146 points.

The next swim meet for McGill will be on December 3 and 4, at McGill. By that time, says Zarins, "everyone will be swimming. Don't be surprised if we come out on top".

Daily Sports News Service

The women's half of the McGill Swim Team was also on the road this past weekend, placing fourth among a field of ten teams at the McMaster University Invitational held in Hamilton.

While individual times inevitably improve as the season progresses, the spotlight of the meet focused on a battle in the overall team standings between the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto. The struggle, which went down to the very last event of the meet, saw Western emerge victorious.

For McGill, Anne Cooke stood out individually with a first and a second in the 200 and 100 yard backstroke events respectively. She posted a record-breaking time of 2:24 in the former, beating out Lori Wylie and Jo-Anne Kennedy, both from Western. In the 100 back however, Kennedy eked out the win over Cooke, both swimmers bettering their previous sub-national standard times in this event.

Cooke also showed well in the 200 individual medley, only to be edged out by Karen Murphy of Waterloo for the win. Peg Delaney came on strong as

well but tired to place fourth.

The meet's first event, the 50 freestyle, saw McGill's Jan Rogers place second at 26.9, matching her standard breaking time of two weeks ago. Rogers was just edged out by Toronto's Linda Lozowski, while Peg Delaney found herself just beaten out in the battle for third by Diana Harrison of Queen's.

Rogers also came close in the 100 freestyle, shaving over a second off her previous time for a 1:01, but placing third behind Lozowski and Waterloo's Pat Gorazdowska.

Other good times were put in by Martine Baudot in the 200 and 400 freestyle and 400 individual medley as well as by Elaine Maheu in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. However, tight races served to prevent them from placing among the top.

The diving events were dominated by former collegiate and Canadian Champion Janet Nutter, however McGill rookie Barbara Miller placed a creditable seventh overall.

The final team tally saw McGill beaten out for third spot by McMaster, but ahead of Waterloo, Queen's, York, Windsor, and Guelph in that order.

DAILY SPORTS

Holt hangs in to help

By Sherwin Wong

Do you want to see what a slightly worn out, squeaky, and almost over-the-hill basketball player looks like? Simple, just drop by the Redmen training room any day of the week and ask to see Bill Holt.

Holt, you see, is one of those players who never learns to quit while he's ahead. It has been five years since Holt played intercollegiate basketball for McGill. Now the 29-year-old Lindsay Place High School teacher is back again lending a helping hand to the Redmen. The man has played so much and so long that his battered knees are ready to buckle under. Thus, Holt often finds himself in the whirlpool under the care of team trainer Joe

Twadorski.

Holt, back at McGill in the Master's in Education program, was one of the finest performers McGill ever had. In 1971, he was voted as the Redmen MVP of the year and finished second in the old OQAA eastern division top player balloting.

Deceptive

Now it is 1976 and the 6'3", 185-pound forward hasn't lost any of his talent, which includes defense and rebounding. Not only that, Holt still plays with the energy that was his trademark five years ago.

"He's very tenacious and aggressive," said Redmen coach Butch Staples. "He plays hard and with desire. Bill is deceptively quick and makes good moves."

the three games. He excelled in every facet of the game—except for drinking beer—and consistently was called upon to guard against the best opposition forward.

Tournament All-Star centre Galbraith wasn't far behind, scoring a total of 58 points as well as being credited with 45 rebounds. Guard Gordie Brabant also stood out in making over half of his shots to net 41 points.

The Redmen next face Bishop's this Friday evening at the Currie gym. The improved Gaiter squad showed well in tournament action over the weekend and thus should prove to be more of a test for McGill than their dismal record of last year would indicate.

Speaking on his basketball resurrection, Holt explained that he is first and foremost a team player.

"I think the main thing is that I help the team out," said Holt while soaking his left leg in the whirlpool bath. "As long as the team wins, that's the most important part."

"I think the team will fare extremely well. It has the ability, the depth, and the size. It all depends on how well the team molds together as a team."

Two teammates of Holt—centre Charlie Galbraith and guard Joey Farroba—have already caught his eye.

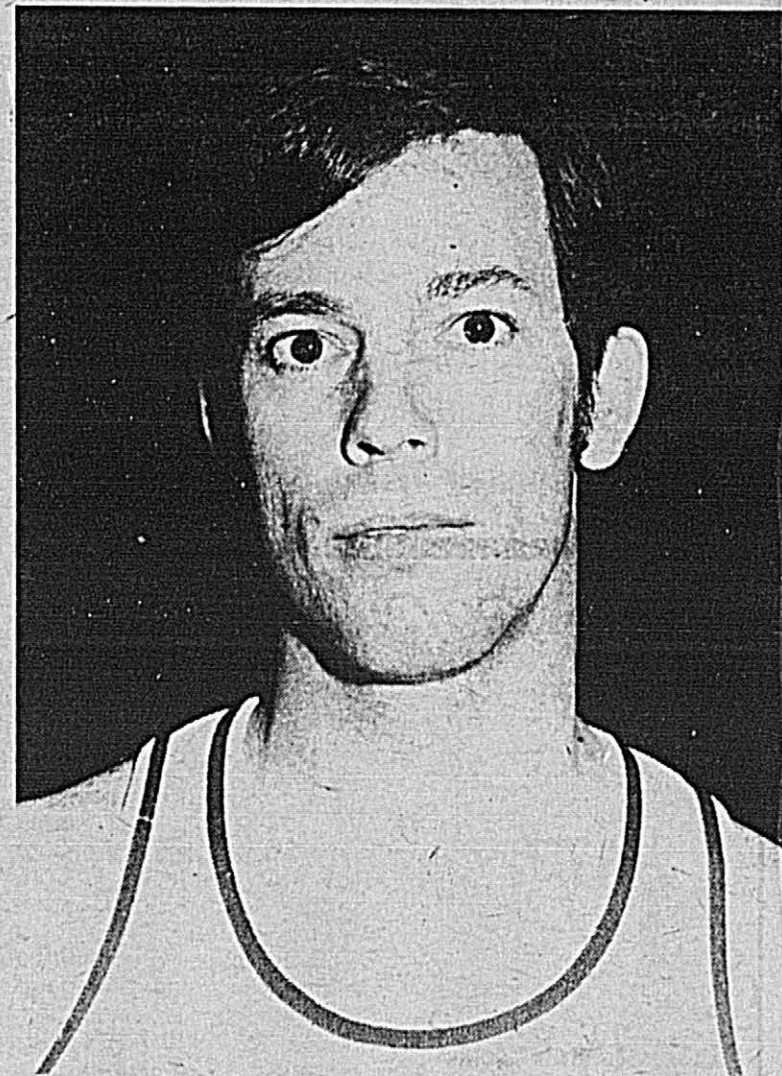
Old man on the big man

"Charlie is the big man and heart of the team," says Holt, who is the oldest player on the squad. "It's the amount of time that he spends on basketball, that makes him such a big man. He's a leader."

"As for Farroba", continued the wise old teacher, "I don't think I've met a quicker man in my life. He's very quick. They're (Galbraith and Farroba) both excellent selections as captains of the club".

Since he knows a thing or two about basketball, does he offer advice to his younger teammates? "Not really", says Holt. "In fact, they've been giving me the advice! I've learned a lot from them about basketball and it's principles which I haven't thought about before".

Holt also contrasted the calibre of college basketball in the late sixties and early



Bill Holt

Harold Rosenberg

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and then coasted to a 97-74 triumph.

Galbraith was high scorer for the team with 28 points as well as taking in 21 rebounds. Farroba followed closely behind with 26 while Art McMillan chipped in 10 points.

Overall, the story of the tournament was McGill's high shooting average of 56 percent, far above that of any of their competition. This together with the best rebounding statistics served to overshadow the only point of concern, the Redmen's high turnover rate.

MVP Farroba led all tournament scorers with 71 points for

seventies to the calibre of today.

Calibre improved

"I think the calibre has improved," he said. "I think it's because coaches are recruiting much more players from the CEGEPs. The CEGEPs are filled with good players."

So there you have it. The next

time you take in a Redmen game, be sure to keep a close watch on number 23. You'll recognize him for sure. He's the one with the middle-aged face, short hair befitting a teacher, and who is giving the opposition lessons on the numerous aspects of basketball such as scoring, rebounding, and defense.

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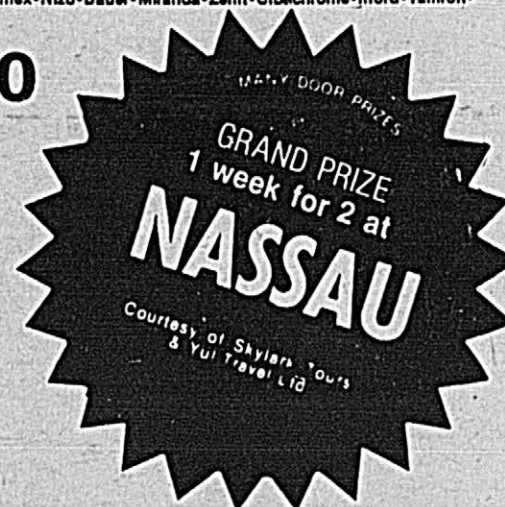
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